

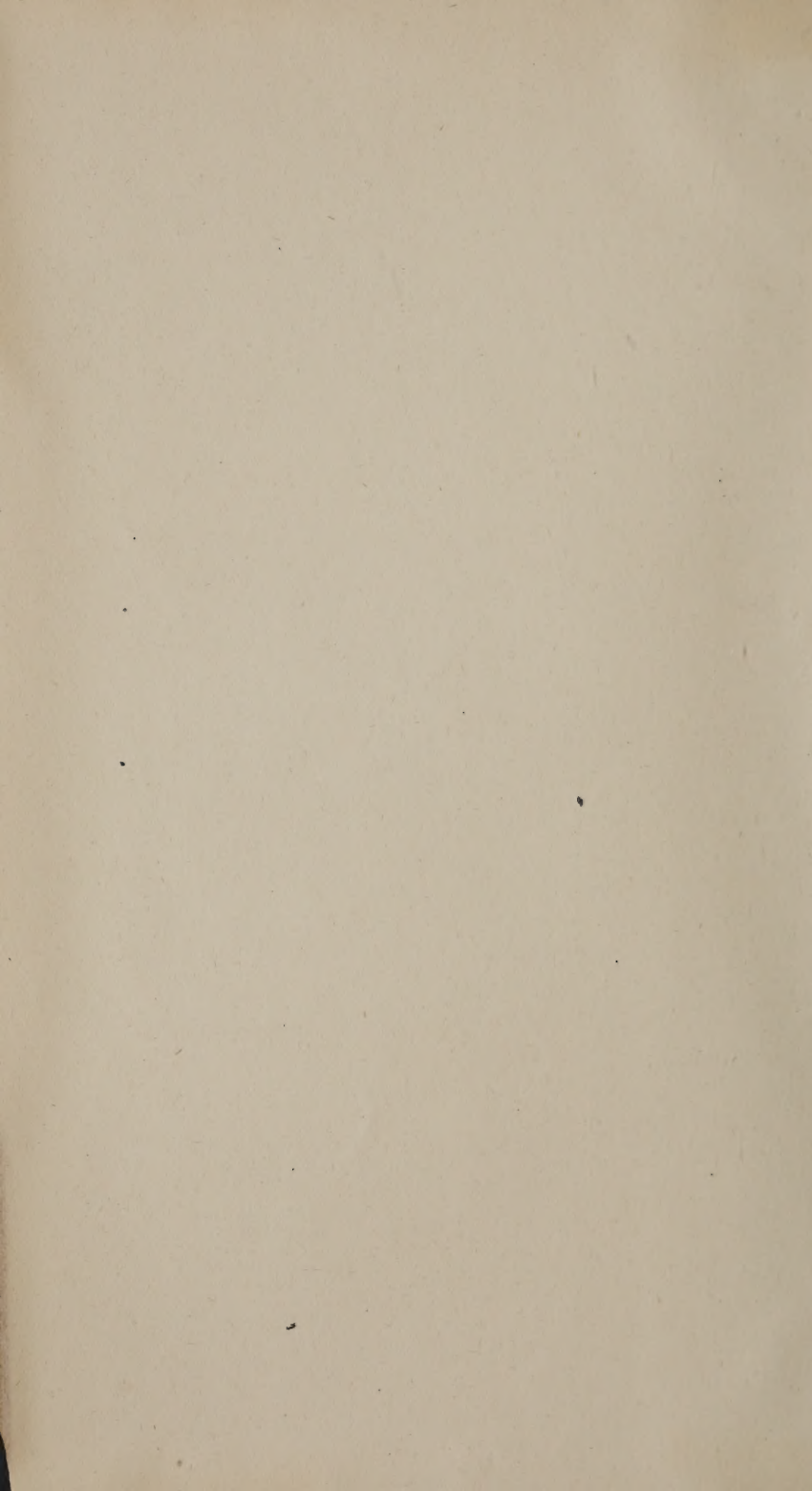
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Reports of the Selectmen and Suptg. School Committee OF THE Town of Richmond, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year commencing March 1, 1873,
and ending March 1, 1874.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Cash in treasury at last settlement,	\$875 04
Rec'd of Edson Starkey,	9 52
of collector for 1871,	120 58
of collector for 1872,	406 00
of collector for 1873,	4962 26
Savings bank tax for 1873,	535 45
Literary fund 1873,	77 90
Interest on taxes for 1873,	5 00

Amount of receipts, \$6991 75

PAID OUT OF THE TREASURY.

Paid Edson Starkey, services as selectman and overseer of the poor in part,	40 00
Amos G. Bennett, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	55 00
Nathaniel B. Fisher, services as selectman and overseer of the poor in part,	20 00
Andrew Willoby, services as superintending school committee,	38 00
Stephen W. Williams, collector,	60 00
Amos G. Bennett, treasurer,	25 00
Amos G. Bennett, town clerk,	15 00
Amos G. Bennett, recording taxes,	4 00
G. W. Howe, board, room and lights in part,	28 40
Wheeler & Faulkner retaining fee,	6 00
Harvey Martin, watering place,	8 00
Edson Starkey, repairing town house,	1 00
Books and stationery,	2 84
	\$297 74

For repairing highways and bridges,	\$1067 41
Breaking roads for 1872,	66 86
	\$1134 27

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mary Aldrich,	\$11 03
Whecton C. Jillson, widow,	12 25
Enoch S. Aldrich,	2 45
James M. Ballou,	2 45
Henry E. Cook,	2 45
Charles Elliot,	2 45
Edward Wright,	2 45
Over taxes of Bigelow & Whitney,	\$4 90
	\$40 43

Paid Notes and Interest	
Jesse Bolles Guardian	\$ 10 84
Henry R. Martin	250 00
William Wright Admr.	229 38
Clary M. Starkey	64 88
Henry Rice	123 27
Asa Bullock	261 42
" "	94 92
Amos Garmsey jr.	316 25
Martha J. Kimball	19 18
	\$1370 14

MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1	\$ 91 01
District No. 2	78 40
District No. 3	68 91
District No. 4	93 56
District No. 5	115 37
District No. 6	161 90
District No. 7	77 71
District No. 8	89 13
District No. 9	106 86
District No. 10	67 34
District No. 13	137 24
District No. 14	92 06
District No. 16	66 56
Horace Merrifield	4 00
	\$1250 05

Remaining in the Treasury	
belonging to District No. 4	\$13 56
belonging to District No. 7	58 71
belonging to District No. 8	1 48
	\$73 75
Amount paid out	\$1176 30
Amount paid out of last year	54 83
Amounting to	\$1231 13

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for Asa Kimpton	\$156 00
Paid for Abigamin Bufum	129 97
Paid for Chandler Bryant	32 68
Paid for " " for 1872	103 79
Paid for Betsey Barber	86 00
Paid for Eliza Curtis	127 93
Paid for Lois Curtis	29 00
Paid for Ella Jillson	39 00
Paid for Mary E. Blanding	10 00
	\$714 87
Paid for County Paupers,	
Lucinda Austin,	\$11 50
Montruable Thayer,	3 00
	\$14 50

Paid State Tax,	\$1,164 00
County Tax,	521 84
Cash in Treasury,	132 07
	\$1,817 91
Paid Outstanding Orders for 1873,	\$371 26

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

One note dated Jan. 1, 1868,	\$143 00
One note dated July 6, 1868,	125 00
One note dated April 19, 1869,	204 00
One note dated Oct. 9, 1869,	100 00
One note dated Jan. 8, 1870,	96 72
One note dated Oct. 23, 1869,	400 00
One note dated Dec. 16, 1869,	300 00
One note dated Feb. 19, 1870,	340 00
One note dated April 6, 1870,	450 00
One note dated April 9, 1870,	200 00
One note dated Sept. 21, 1870,	164 53
One note dated Nov. 22, 1870,	100 00
One note dated April 14, 1872,	500 00
One note dated Sept. 27, 1871,	175 00
One note dated Oct. 12, 1872,	135 56
One note dated April 4, 1873,	1,000 00
One note dated April 9, 1873,	400 00
One note dated April 8, 1873,	389 00
One note dated May 28, 1873,	100 00
One note dated July 12, 1873,	400 00
One note dated Jan. 28, 1873,	308 00
One note dated Oct. 4, 1873,	100 00
One note dated Dec. 6, 1873,	585 98
One note dated Dec. 6, 1873,	50 00
One note dated Jan. 12, 1874,	168 99
One note dated Jan. 1, 1874,	1,000 00
One note dated Jan. 13, 1874,	700 00
One note dated Feb. 27, 1874,	374 59

Amounting to	\$10,487 29
Interest on the above notes,	\$995 33
Total,	\$11,482 62

Due Edson Starkey in part for services as Selectman,	\$20 00
Due Nathaniel B. Fisher in part for services as Selectman,	32 75
Due George W. Howe, room, rent, board and lights, in part,	28 66
Julius N. Morse, printing town report, 1874,	24 00
Sundry outstanding orders,	239 39
	\$314 80
Amount of indebtedness,	\$1,182 42

AVAILABLE MEANS TO MEET LIABILITIES.

Cash in treasury,	\$132 07
Out standing taxes for 1873,	1,033 02
Notes in favor of the town,	375 96
Barber place estimated at	56 00
Amount of means,	\$1,597 05
Liabilities beyond means,	\$10,230 37

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted.

Richmond, Feb. 27, 1874.
EDSON STARKEY, } Selectmen
A. G. BENNETT, } of
N. B. FISHER, } Richmond.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

On settlement with the Treasurer, I find the following cash notes in favor of the town, which are considered good :

One note against Chas. Norwood for \$100, dated October 16, 1871 ; interest on said note, \$14.74,	\$114 74
One note against Frank Amidon for \$98, dated March 8, 1862, on which are several indorsements. Amount due,	63 94
One note against Stephen W. Williams for \$594.17, dated February 28, 1873, on which are several indorsements. Amt. due,	196 28

Amounting to \$375 96

There is also one note against Stephen W. Williams, given for cash, or highway receipts, for \$41.02, dated February 28, 1873, and one note dated Feb. 28, for \$13.70, given for doubtful taxes, to be paid in cash, if said taxes shall be collected. The last two notes are not considered available.

I find cash in the treasury,	\$132 07
Cash due from the collector for taxes of 1873,	\$1,033 02

I certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the treasurer, relating to his financial transactions with the town for the year ending March 1, 1874, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, Auditor.
Richmond, March 1, 1874.

LIST OF TAX-PAYERS

In the Town of Richmond, with the Tax
Annexed, for the year A. D. 1873.

Atherton Alvin H.	47 92	Bowen Franklin O. for H. H.		Martin Silas O.	2 45	Thayer Nelson	29 91
Abbott & Martin	141 76	Bigelow	36 75	Martin Ansel	22 93	Thayer Polley, heirs	4 50
Abbott & Martin for E. Murdock & Co.	19 60	Coburn William P.	61 25	Martin Otis	5 90	Thayer Elliot Dilly, heirs	2 45
Aldrich Elery K.	17 79	Combs Reuben H.	71 25	Martin Esther	27 59	Thayer Alanson B., heirs	49 00
Aldrich Benjamin	70 83	Coburn William P. for C. W. Scott	3 33	Martin Harvey	35 97	Tolmon Henry E.	2 45
Aldrich Sylvester	28 91	Combs Bradly B.	2 45	Martin Albert H.	2 45	Taft Peleg	34 30
Aldrich David B.	29 78	Cook Mary	13 48	Martin Prudence heirs	12 25	Twitchell Almon	39 20
Aldrich Robert	7 45	Cook Martin	4 82	Martin Ezra	11 63	Twitchell Daniel	13 50
Aldrich Charles W.	11 03	Cook Calvin	22 15	Martin Olive W.	26 95	Tucker Amos	23 23
Aldrich Mary, heirs	24 50	Cook Ebenezer S.	26 31	Martin Amos	25 99	Tuttle Nathan E.	17 12
Amidon Cyrel	13 48	Cass Levi	9 70	Martin Russell	8 99	Taft Brown S. B.	7 45
Amidon Frank	4 66	Cass Luther, heirs	11 03	Martin Henry R.	16 61	Wilson Charles W.	21 56
Amidon Andrew	72 32	Cass Ahaz	36 75	Martin Daniel	18 89	Weeks Roscoe	3 19
Amidon Frank & Andrew	2 45	Cass Nahum	35 35	Martin Calvin C.	37 29	Weeks Clara F.	2 45
Amidon Henry	25 77	Cass Moses	2 45	Martin Paul's widow	19 60	Whipple Russell	19 60
Amidon Parley	2 45	Cass Ozo T. Estate	24 91	Merrifield Horace	22 83	Whipple Tamma	3 09
Amidon Edwin E.	2 45	Cass Jonathan	40 47	Mann Joseph	2 45	Whipple Julius M.	12 25
Allen Jeremiah	2 45	Cook & Burlingame	24 50	Mann Henry E.	3 14	Whipple Stephen M.	4 90
Allen Asa W.	2 45	Cook Henry E.	2 45	Mellen James H.	10 14	Whipple Orion O.	8 35
Aldrich Enoch S.	2 45	Cass Nancy & Lovinia	4 80	Mellen Hiram E.	6 47	Whipple Henry	17 86
Bowen Benjamin F.	78 06	Carlton Harvey M.	20 24	Mellen Albert M.	6 86	Ward Albert G.	2 45
Bowen Edwin N.	42 29	Clark Benjamin, widow	5 54	Mellen James A., widow	12 59	Whitcomb John F.	20 73
Bowen Nathan	57 72	Carroll Lucius	27 75	Martin Murray E.	2 45	Whitcomb Anthony S.	62 08
Bowen Robert	20 01	Curtis Henry O.	20 92	McIndoe David	2 45	Willoby Andrew	48 76
Bowen Angelia	14 95	Curtis Jerrel A.	3 68	Nutting John, Phinehas & Oliver	91 80	Wheeler Jonas R.	17 05
Bowen Albert J.	2 45	Chase Esther	9 31	Norwood Charles	37 73	Wright William	18 38
Bowen Frank P.	2 45	Conway Charles W.	53 95	Newell Harriet widow	16 67	Wright William Admr.	4 51
Bowen Zimri	47 73	Carlton Harvey M. for N. G. Woodbury	1 96	Newell Josiah L.	24 65	Warren Dexter	23 93
Bowen George M.	2 45	Cummings Chancy	2 45	Newell Amos W.	22 34	Williams Stephen W.	82 66
Bowen Henry R.	33 22	Doolittle Charles H.	27 83	Newell Edgar L.	2 45	Williams David W.	16 02
Bowen Franklin O.	2 45	Elor Luke	26 22	Newell Nathan F.	90 75	Warren Dexter & L. Naromore	1 86
Bolles Nathaniel	14 70	Evans Medad	16 91	Newell George W.	2 45	Willington S. M.	6 13
Bolles Jeremiah	54 78	Elliott Charles	2 45	Naromore Nathaniel	67 77	Wright Edward	2 45
Bolles Jesse	4 81	Flint William F.	3 68	Naromore Clarence	2 45	Waters John	6 96
Bolles Jesse, Guardian for N. Bolles	7 35	Flint Amos, widow	16 58	Naromore Albert H.	2 45		
Bolles Sarah R., widow	9 56	Fisher Nathaniel B.	19 01	Naromore Frank E.	2 45		
Bolles Emily widow	8 58	Fisher Richard P.	7 35	Nash Stillman D.	2 94		
Bolles Edwin & Charles L. Ballou	17 15	Fisher Lucius	35 53	North & Burton	49 00	NON RESIDENT TAX PAYERS AND TAXES.	
Ballou Betsey	7 60	Fisher Kendall, widow	22 05	North A. S.	6 83	Atherton Samuel & Jonathan	\$24 50
Ballou Lyander	2 94	Fairbanks Benjamin	12 25	Perry Noah	52 77	Adams Ebenezer S.	2 45
Ballou Willard J.	2 45	Fisher Lewis, widow	30 25	Perry Jairus	2 45	Allen Samuel D widow	8 58
Ballou James M.	33 10	Freeman Preston L.	3 45	Parker Curtis	44 12	Allen Willard	4 90
Ballou Ozial	2 45	Foster Rufus J.	11 03	Parker Theodore	4 90	Atherton William	1 23
Ballou Ozial A.	22 05	Frazear Andrew	2 45	Parker John	13 87	Adams Oded E.	12 25
Ballou James Estate	13 35	Graves Willard R.	35 86	Parker Julia A.	25 33	Bailey Corlis	9 80
Ballou Henry	2 45	Goddard William	2 45	Pickering Charles F.	4 90	Ballou Luther, heirs	13 48
Ballou Charles L.	12 25	Goddard George W.	2 45	Perry Daniel O.	2 45	Ballou Warren	1 86
Ballou Sarah	2 45	Goddard Henry P.	2 45	Parsons Orlow C.	39 69	Brigham Lewis	4 90
Ballou Millard F.	2 45	Goddard Zerah C.	19 06	Putney Henry	2 45	Bigelow & Whitney	31 85
Bufum Andrew J.	16 76	Goddard Asahel T.	2 45	Pierce George W.	3 43	Barrus Ebenezer & William	4 90
Bryant John A.	17 82	Garnsey Amos & Watrous	19 01	Putney William C.	15 11	Bassett Ahaz	2 45
Bryant Jonathan C.	2 45	Garnsey Amos & William	26 36	Putney George W.	2 45	Bassett William	14 70
Bryant Nathaniel	5 15	Garnsey Amos	5 39	Rich Charles A.	14 36	Bowen Rufus, heirs	4 90
Boyce John	6 37	Garnsey William	7 62	Randall Willard	21 56	Boyce Jacob	34 30
Bennett Wales B.	7 99	Garnsey Watrous	18 20	Rice Henry	24 75	Bennett Angelia	20 83
Bennett James M.	13 72	Good Peter	3 68	Reynolds Eli W.	35 18	Barker Nathan	41 65
Bennett Amos G.	1 23	Handy George B.	25 14	Reyner Justin	2 45	Barrus Alonzo	4 90
Bennett Almira C.	19 60	Howe Bowman	49 25	Royleigh Peter W.	23 37	Ballou Warren	1 86
Barrus Jeremiah	37 49	Howe Orren B.	9 72	Royleigh Hiram B.	3 45	Brigham Lewis	4 90
Barrus Alvin	2 45	Howe George W.	29 69	Royleigh Peter W.	3 45	Bigelow & Whitney	31 85
Barrus Alvin S.	2 45	Harkness Dennis	27 29	Rumwell Luman	2 45	Barrus Ebenezer & William	4 90
Barrus Lewis K.	52 87	Harris Ansel	13 72	Ripley John	2 45	Bassett Ahaz	2 45
Bullock Asa	4 90	Huntley J. T. G.	12 94	Swan James	14 70	Bassett William	14 70
Bullock Henry	33 12	Hills Nathaniel	27 07	Swan Ebenezer	15 88	Bowen Rufus, heirs	4 90
Bullock Asa H.	32 68	Hammond Abel	12 25	Swan Roxana	44 46	Bennett Jacob	34 30
Barden Aber S.	2 45	Hammond Orren	3 09	Swan Obsidia S.	4 31	Bennett Angelia	20 83
Bemis Elbridge G.	12 50	Heard John	4 66	Starkey Edson	32 68	Barker Nathan	41 65
Burgess Mirick J.	2 45	Ingalls Jarvis	15 34	Starkey Clara	16 81	Barrus Alonzo	4 90
Bolles Walter J.	1 95	Jillson Wheaton's widow	12 25	Sprague Hiram P.	13 48	Ballou Frank W.	12 25
Bliss Olive	7 50	Jillson Orrison	16 46	Sprague Enoch D.	45 08	Bullock William R.	2 45
Bliss Benjamin W.	2 45	Jillson Albert E.	3 45	Stclair Winthrop	36 75	Bufum David, widow	19 60
Brewer Orren J.	2 45	Jerome Lyman H.	2 45	Stclair William W.	18 52	Brown Joseph N.	2 45
		Kilton Asahel, widow	39 96	Sparhawk John H.	22 69	Brown Calvin, widow	22 05
		Kimpton Simeon	27 95	Scott Viana	46 60	Bryant Hiram	3 68
		Kendrick Thomas	2 45	Spaulding & Perry	12 25	Bemis Charles	7 35
		Lawrence Simon	9 80	Spaulding Daniel R.	27 49	Coburn Prescott	4 90
		Lyon Charles H.	4 68	Southwick Edmond B.	35 79	Foster Francis	12 25
		Martin Danvers Jr.	2 45	Safford Charles E.	5 85	Fisher Horace Clement & Co	4 90
		Martin Danvers	55 93	Thayer Lois	7 99	Gage Abigail W.	12 25
		Martin Danford W.	2 45	Taylor George	34 08	Gates Perley	61 25
				Taylor George H.	64 23	Gould Asa	1 47
				Taylor Loren L.	2 45	Dickinson & Baker	49 00
						Harkness Obed, heirs	24 50
						Harris David W.	7 35
						Holden Jonathan	8 58
						Holbrook Simeon	8 58
						Kelton Asahel	9 21
						Lane George	2 45
						Lane George	22 05
						Martin Convers & George	15 93
						Mann Morrison D.	7 35

Murry Robert	24 50
Nichols Henry C.	5 29
Naramore Hollis, heirs	4 90
Naramore Lucius	1 86
Naramore Lucius	11 03
Naramore George B.	4 90
Nash Marvin	34 30
Newell George	14 70
Perry Naham, heirs	7 55
Pierce George E.	4 90
Pain Addison, widow	11 03
Piper Volney	19 60
Peck Ezekiel	7 35
Randall Stephen	2 06
Russell & Conant	9 80
Randall Thomas	14 70
Reed Benjamin	15 54
Ripley Barrett & Co	74
Reed Charles	1 23
Sprague Samuel	29 40
Stearns David C.	2 45
Sawyer Sylvanus	14 70
Swan Henry B. Exr.	64
Swan Henry B.	1 23
Swan & Naramore	4 90
Swan Darling	19 60
Scott Alvin	3 09
Steam mill	51 45
Shepardson Eri	12 25
Taylor Ransom	6 86
Thompson Samuel	4 90
Thompson David	17 79
Taylor Oscar F.	4 90
Taylor Ebenezer	12 25
Whitcomb Semantha	64
Wilber Edmond Jr.	6 13
Wilber Edmond Jr.	7 11
Wilber Edmond Jr.	6 13
Woodward William	3 09
White Willard	19 60
Winchester George	58 80
Whitcomb Phinehas & Rice	6 13
Whitcomb Sylvander	4 31
Whitcomb E. O.	1 86
Woodbury Nathan G.	24 50

yet these alone will not ensure the largest benefits. In connection with these there should be the earnest efforts of parents, guardians, teachers, and those intrusted with the supervision and inspection of schools. Though parents, through experience and observation, may be sensible of the importance which attaches to their district school, if they do not feel and manifest a deep solicitude and care for it, their children can hardly be expected to be imbued with the absorbing interest essential to the most rapid progress. But where parents endeavor to surround their children with the most favorable influences, and evince a lively concern in their studies and improvement, there is a prophecy of success.

The parent is the natural instructor as well as guardian of his child. If he is unable to educate him, he may delegate the work to another. But he is not thus, by any means, absolved from all responsibility in the matter. It is his duty to keep himself perfectly familiar with the manner in which his child is being instructed and disciplined, morally, mentally and physically; and at all times to manifest an interest in his welfare and progress, and to exert himself to secure and sustain a like interest in the mind of the scholar, by recurring to and conversing upon the subjects of his lessons at every opportunity, and by every means that may be suggested, strive to impress it upon his mind, that while he is attending school, to secure the greatest possible advantages from it, is for the time, the sole purpose of his life. Observation amply attests that the children of the families whose parents take the most active interest in the welfare of the school, are almost universally the best educated.

Parents may aid efficiently in the work of education by frequent visits to the school, witnessing its exercises, attending its examinations, and by giving expressions of council, encouragement and sympathy to both teacher and pupil.

Still, in our school system, the teacher is the central figure. He is the motive power. Upon him as a pivotal point, success is mainly made to turn. Much has been well said concerning the character and qualifications of the teacher. The State is generously aiding him by establishing Normal Schools and Institutes for teachers to attain the requisite preparation for his work, and our teachers should be disposed, or be required to avail themselves of these advantages more than at present they seem inclined. But super-added to all literary acquisitions, are cerendowments which nature alone can bestow. If these shall have been withheld, little success can be attained in teaching. Without these, one had better find employment in some other calling or profession.

The teacher must have a love for his work. No one, in the pursuit of any science, or in the practice of any art, or in following any profession, can achieve any considerable success, who is not actuated by an intense love for his employment.

The impulse of this, as a motive power, is far more ennobling and enduring than the hope of reward. They who work simply under the influence and expectation of remuneration never achieve eminence in any pursuit. The best of all rewards comes to those, who by intense effort and devotion to duty lose themselves in oblivious self-forgetfulness; success is sure to attend those who are willing to devote their whole being to the service which they enter.

The literary qualification of the teacher cannot be too thorough and ample. His knowledge should not be limited to the narrow range of subjects which he may teach. The more extensive his culture, the greater his ability to successfully do his work as a teacher. It is true that there are those who have succeeded well, whose attainments have not extended beyond a knowledge of the subjects which they have taught. But with the same aptitude for teaching, had their range of culture been more extended, their ability as teachers would have been vastly increased. Every teacher should be constantly seeking his own improvement. Thus while his own mental powers will be stimulated to greater activity, he will quicken those to whom he imparts instruction. He should daily prepare to meet those whom he would teach. A fact not generally recognized, the more limited their attainments, the more full and thorough should be his daily preparation. He must be his own pupil before he can be another's teacher.

In a primary school there is needed peculiar qualifications on the part of a teacher. As the child first enters the school, and as are his first impressions and first habits, so, in a large degree, will be his subsequent progress.

Childhood is sunny, cheerful and loving, and should so be met as he first enters the school room. It is docile and obedient. If the teacher be adapted to enter through these avenues into the child's nature, he may so begin the work of education as will greatly facilitate its progress through all its future intellectual as well as moral attainments. Eternity alone can disclose all the ruin that has been wrought by mistakes at this period. And as our schools are not graded, and there is hardly a term but some child enters school for the first time, it is of infinite importance that we select teachers of experience. The impression is too common that the teacher of least experience and humblest attainments may begin in the smallest and youngest schools. It is obvious that the inexperienced teacher and scholar should never meet. Better far put the untutored teacher in a school already accustomed to the duties of the school room.

The District cannot too highly estimate the importance of a judicious selection of an Agent. This office should not be thrust upon young men who have not scholars of their own, or upon those for any reason incompetent, because it is a position few are ambitious to fill. It should be occupied by none but those who take the deepest inter-

est, and who will spare no pains or labor for the good of the school.

Districts at their annual meetings should see to it that this matter is in the hands of energetic and competent men—men particularly, who will exercise the best judgment in selecting candidates for teachers. If the Superintendent sometimes has doubts as to the fitness of a candidate, it is easy to conceive that her being brought before him and urged upon him by the authorized Agent of the District, adds to his perplexities as he tries to balance the evils of offending and disappointing that district by rejecting their choice, with the lack of accomplishments in the candidate. And from this cause, as often as any, districts and schools have suffered. But after a teacher once enters the school, she should receive the most open and profound respect, support and sympathy of the parents, as long as she is allowed to remain.

The schools in this town require an immediate change of text books on grammar and geography. There is now no uniformity, and some of them are very ancient. Our geography changes so rapidly, before the march of civilization, that the works of ten years ago are but little better adapted to our planet, than they might be to some other.

The schools in this town, the past year, have given general satisfaction. There have been no decided failures, but many brilliant successes.

DISTRICT NO. 1 was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jennie L. Wheeler, an experienced teacher of high attainments and especial adaptation to the work, for the Summer Term, and her efforts were crowned by the good results which always attend her labors in the school room. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Nellie L. Norwood. This was her first trial, but she acquitted herself to her own credit and the satisfaction of all concerned. She merits the highest praise for the energy and perseverance with which she performed her duties. She has given evidence of possessing the qualities of a successful teacher, and she will be appreciated.

The harmony and the interest felt in their school, which characterizes this district, has its influence upon the scholars,—no one being marked in the Register below average, either in deportment or scholarship.

Miss Mary G. Healy taught the first term in No. 2. This lady has had a practice of sixty-five months in the school room; and when we say of a school—Mary Healy kept it, nothing more need be said in its praise. Miss Jennie M. McAllister instructed in the Fall. Miss McAllister pursued her labors with commendable zeal and arduity; while her gentle, yet vivacious temperament made perpetual sunshine in her school room. And for a beginner she was eminently successful. This school is largely composed of very young scholars, who would be greatly cheered, encouraged and benefited by frequent visits from their parents.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year ending March 1, 1874.

Presented for Town Meeting March 10, 1874.

That the wealth of the State should contribute to the education of its people, is a principle founded on wisdom and justice. No other human institution is so well calculated to lay broad and deep the foundations of prosperity and happiness. By a perusal of the history of education in our State, we are impressed with the comprehensive views on the subject, which have prevailed from the very foundation of the Commonwealth. There is upon our Statute books a very enlightened legislation in favor of Education, and munificent grants have been made in its support. As a result, we view New Hampshire occupying a proud position among her sister states, in prosperity, intelligence and freedom.

But though legislation may be most liberal, and the munificence of the state and town most generous in favor of Education,

Both terms were taught by Miss L. Olive Barras, an estimable young lady of our own town, whose very name is a synonym for success. Added to her high literary attainments she possesses, in surpassing degree, those peculiar natural qualifications so essential to a good teacher, of which no art can bestow or language describe. Sedate, unobtrusive and self-possessed, the mystic influence pervading her school room with that atmosphere of calm serenity so favorable to close study, evolv-

In No. 13 both terms of the school were taught by Miss Emilie Martin, a Richmond lady of large experience and extensive rep-

SCHOOLS.											
IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.	IX.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

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No. 16 is the smallest school in town, containing, at present, but three scholars, and no one of them living over half a mile from the next nearest school house. It is a great disadvantage to run a school here. If the citizens are unwilling to abolish the District, they would do well to suspend the school, and send to other districts for a few years, until they have more scholars.

ANDREW WILLOBY, } *Sup'g School*
 } *Committee*
 } *of Richmond.*

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

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{ This average is based upon the number of scholars attending school in the several districts the past winter. Based upon the actual number belonging to the district, there would be some difference. In No. 1 it is \$11.37, in No. 8, \$22.28, in No. 16, \$22.19, and in No. 3, \$38.30, but the board of teacher was given in No. 3.

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